Excise Department, made more than four years ago, by which the control of preventive operations was vested in a special officer appointed for the purpose. Notwithstanding the increased outlay now being incurred by Government in so many directions, I have every reason to think that the financial future of the State is a bright one. You may rest assured, Gentlemen, that His Highness' Government would not hesitate to devote a substantial portion of the annual surplus towards bettering your welfare.

Conclusion.

27. His Highness' Government feel that the Rules regulating the constitution and conduct of business of this Assembly, which were issued in Medom 1080, require revision. The question of revision will soon be taken up for consideration. The next Assembly will meet under the new Rules. A wish has been generally expressed that the month when the Assembly should meet should be definitely fixed and that it should not be open for the time so fixed to be materially departed from. This is a wish with which Government sympathise. It will be borne in mind in framing the new Rules.

28. You are aware that two Members of the Legislative Council—Messrs. K. K. Kuruvilla and A. Sri Narayanan Tampi—have been nominated to the Council on the recommendations of the Members of the Kottayam and Trivandrum Divisions respectively. Government propose to follow the same procedure in regard to the vacancies which would ensue on the expiry of the terms of office of Messrs. M. Udaya Varma Raja and S. Subramania Iyer. The Members of the Quilon and Padmanabhapuram Divisions are requested to meet on Saturday the 8th Instant, at 5-30 P. M., under the presidency of the Chief Secretary to Government, and elect two gentlemen, whose names will be submitted to His Highness the Maha Raja for consideration. The persons elected must be ordinary residents of the Quilon and Padmanabhapuram Divisions respectively.

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After the Dewan had resumed his seat, copies of the address in English and Malayalam were distributed among the Members and others present. The Assembly adjourned at 1-10 P. M., to meet again the next day at 11 A M.

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